

# Corner-Stone Laid To-Day of Bureau of American Republics

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Munsey Building, Washington, D. C., May 9. The corner-stone of the most unique building in the United States will be laid with imposing ceremonies in this city to-morrow afternoon. The building is to serve as the headquarters of the International Bureau of American Republics. It will also serve as the international headquarters in one national capital of twenty-one nations of America. The cost of the structure will approximate \$1,000,000, of which sum Mr. Andrew Carnegie has contributed \$750,000. The balance was appropriated by the twenty-one nations interested in the building.

The elaborateness of the program for the ceremonies to-morrow afternoon indicates the importance of the event. Addresses will be delivered by the President of the United States, by Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of State of the United States, Sen. Joaquim Nabuco, the Ambassador of Brazil, who is the dean of the Latin-American diplomatic corps in Washington, and who presided at the Rio Janeiro Pan-American conference held in Rio Janeiro in 1906, and Mr. Carnegie, who is the dean of the Latin-American diplomatic corps in Washington, and who presided at the Rio Janeiro Pan-American conference which was held in Washington in 1890-96, and at which was organized the International Bureau of American Republics.

His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, head of the Catholic Church in the United States, will deliver the invocation, and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Francis P. McManister, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who is the dean of the Protestant clergy of the District of Columbia.

Mr. John Barrett, director of the Bureau of American Republics, will preside. The program will be interspersed by appropriate Pan-American music provided by the famous Marine Band, which has been directed by the Secretary of the Navy to participate in the exercises.

The origin of the International Bureau of American Republics is interesting. When the first Pan-American conference was held here the delegates were the recipients of much attention from our government and were guests at many brilliant social affairs, at which Cabinet officers and other officials were hosts. At dinner one evening a distinguished justice of the Supreme Court was seated between representatives of two South American republics. The justice noticed that each of his neighbors spoke excellent English. Turning to the gentleman on his right, he asked: "What language is spoken in your country?"

"Spanish," was the somewhat surprised reply. "And what in your country?" asked the justice, turning to his other neighbor. "Spanish," was the still more surprised reply.

The incident was repeated to many of the delegates, as illustrating the remarkable lack of information on the part of citizens of the United States concerning the people of the South of us. It is said that this incident, more than any one thing, was responsible for the movement which resulted in the establishment of the Bureau of American Republics in this city, which should serve as headquarters for the dissemination of information about the other countries of North and South America, with the exception of Canada, which is not represented in the bureau.

To Promote Closer Relations. The original object, as stated, was that of making the American republics better acquainted with each other and of exchanging information about their respective resources and trade. It never, however, had the complete support and interest of the United States, or of her sister nations, until Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of State of the United States, made his memorable visit in 1906 to South America.

The third Pan-American Conference, assembled at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, in 1906, which he attended, passed strong resolutions in favor of the reorganization of the bureau and outlined a plan to make it a world-recognized institution for the promotion of both commerce and unity.

The bureau is a strictly an international and independent organization, subordinate to no department of the United States government, and maintained by the joint contributions, based on population, of the twenty-one American governments. Its affairs are under the administration of a chief officer, called director, who is elected by the governing board of the bureau, consisting of one diplomatic representative from each of the twenty-one American governments. Its affairs are under the administration of a chief officer, called director, who is elected by the governing board of the bureau, consisting of one diplomatic representative from each of the twenty-one American governments. Its affairs are under the administration of a chief officer, called director, who is elected by the governing board of the bureau, consisting of one diplomatic representative from each of the twenty-one American governments.

Its practical use is demonstrated by the fact that during the last twelve months it has developed business that has added at least \$25,000,000 to the value of Pan-American foreign commerce. Its present object, in short, is not only to strengthen commerce and trade, but to strengthen unity and friendship among all the republics of the Western Hemisphere.

An Imposing Structure. This imposing international building will stand on one of the most attractive and commanding sites of ground in the national capital, commonly known as the Van Ness tract, which covers five acres, or about two hectares, facing the presidential grounds, Dr. White Lot, on the east and Potomac Park on the south, at the corner of Seventeenth and B streets. This site is only two blocks below the Corcoran Art Gallery, next to the new building of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and within a short distance of the Washington Monument.

The dimensions of the building will be approximately 150 by 160 feet, by 52 metres. The main portion will stand two stories and a high studied basement, and will, in turn, be surrounded by dignified balustrades. The rear portion, in order to cover the capacious assembly hall, will rise still higher. It will be constructed throughout of steel and concrete, with the effect of a Spanish stucco finish and with white marble steps, foundations and trimmings. The roofs will be of colored Spanish tile and the interior exposed portions will be decorated with polychrome terra cotta.

The general architecture will suggest Latin-American treatment, out of respect to the fact that twenty of the twenty-one American republics are of Latin origin; but it will possess such monumental characteristics as will make it harmonize with the general scheme for the improvement of Washington.

Its most notable feature of construction aside from numerous well-lighted rooms for the regular work and staff of the bureau, will be a capacious, typical Spanish patio, over fifty feet square, in the front section, covered by a glass roof that can be opened in summer and closed in winter, thus providing protection against the weather for constantly growing tropical plants. A large reading-room, 100x60 feet, where can be seen all the South, as well as North American publications, and where books can be consulted from the Columbus Memorial Library, which is the best collection in the United States of works on the American Republics; and a beautiful, dignified, assembly chamber, 100x70 feet, that, for present purposes, may be called the "Hall of American Ambassadors," which will provide the only room of its kind in the United States specially designed for international conventions, receptions to distinguished foreigners, and for diplomatic and social events of kindred nature.

# News Gathered From Southside..

After several postponements, the City Central Democratic Committee tonight got together on Saturday night, and, besides winding up all affairs in connection with the recent primary, elected members to fill the vacancies existing and transacted other unfinished business.

Messrs. C. O. B. Cowardin and J. A. Bades were elected as members of the committee from the Fourth ward, and Mr. E. S. Anderson was chosen from the Second. There is general satisfaction over the selections of these gentlemen, as they are all three active in politics and will make effective members.

Certificates were issued to the delegates elected to the Democratic Convention at Roanoke. With the exception of one possibly all those chosen will attend the gathering.

Treasurer Millard Martin presented his report, which shows a small balance in the treasury, which, in view of the fact that the committee has been put in a good record.

Speaking of party affairs generally, Mr. Charles Burkett, chairman of the committee, last night said that everything is in a flourishing condition, and that, though there is practically no campaigning before the Democrats, they will not for a moment relax in vigilance.

Only prompt action on the part of the Fire Department could have prevented the fire which broke out in a frame building at Nineteenth and Stockton streets, on Saturday afternoon about 6 o'clock, from burning the entire structure.

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# TO REVIVE "FINALS" AT THE UNIVERSITY

Commencement Gaeties Planned for Last Week of Session.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 10.—This year the University of Virginia students are going part of the way back to the old golden days of tradition, when university finals were social events in the South. During the last few years the commencements have amounted to little more than the formal awarding of degrees, and the men who remained were only those who were in the graduating classes of the various departments.

The faculty and the student body together have now taken the matter in hand, and are working on plans and ideas for a real final—one worthy of the institution, and one that will be as attractive and entertaining. At a joint meeting of the faculty committee of arrangements and representatives of the student body the past week, plans were discussed for the year's finals. The matter is chiefly in the hands of the faculty, but the student body is also interested. Many attractive plans are now under way to make the finals this June one that will be long remembered. There will be games, baseball games and many other interesting features. The graduating class will give a joint ball game with the incoming class. Many other plans are being considered.

Every matriculate will be urged to stay in school, and make the finals a successful college year. In short, everything will be done to make the finals a successful and worthy ending to a successful college year. Every matriculate will be urged to stay in school, and make the finals a successful college year. In short, everything will be done to make the finals a successful and worthy ending to a successful college year.

Turnbull to Stump. Hon. Robert Turnbull, of Brunswick county, has posted notice that he will address the voters here in the Town Hall on Friday night, the 15th inst., in the interest of his candidacy for next Congress in opposition to Hon. J. L. Laster.

House Praised Character of Late Representative. D. C. May 10.—Tributes to the memory of the late Representative Adolph Meyer, of Louisiana, were paid in the House today. Meyer was more familiarly known, served many years in the House, most of the time as Speaker of the House, and was a man of high character and ability.

Currency Bill. The House today passed a bill to amend the act relating to the currency, which was introduced by Mr. Meyer. The bill provides for the issue of new currency, and for the redemption of old currency.

Senators at Odds. A conflict between Senator Foraker, who has given notice that he will move to amend the act relating to the currency, and the House, is expected to arise. The House is expected to pass the bill, while the Senate is expected to reject it.

Greet New York World. The New York World celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ownership and direction by Joseph Pulitzer yesterday. Mr. Pulitzer, who bought the World in 1883, is now 80 years of age, and is still active in the management of the paper.

Race-Track Fight. Louisiana legislation to be asked to-day at the State Capitol, is expected to be passed. The bill provides for the regulation of race tracks, and for the prohibition of gambling on the tracks.

Congress Outlook for the Week. The House is expected to pass the bill to amend the act relating to the currency, and the Senate is expected to reject it. The House is also expected to pass the bill to amend the act relating to the currency, and the Senate is expected to reject it.

Charged with Fraud. The defendant in the case of the conspiracy to defraud the State out of about \$50,000 in a bill of \$17,000 for metallic furniture for the State, is expected to be convicted. The defendant is charged with fraud, and is expected to be convicted.

City and Farm Socialists Clash. Chicago, Ill., May 10.—With a whirlwind of oratory, delegates to-day opened the National Convention of the Socialist party. The first session developed indications of a clash between city socialists and farm socialists. The delegates are expected to be divided on the issue of the party's platform.

Deaths. MOON.—Died, at his residence, 702 1-2 East Leigh Street, May 9th, at 8 P. M. HARVEY CLYDE MOON, Jr., infant son of H. C. and Elma C. Moon, aged nine months and three days. Buried at Mt. Vernon Cemetery at 11:30 o'clock THIS (Monday) MORNING.

The Confederate Museum. TWELFTH AND CLAY STREETS. OPEN 9 A. M. TO 5 P. M. ADMISSION, 25c. SATURDAY FREE.

Is There Hope Beyond the Grave? MR. J. F. RUTHERFORD, OF PITTSBURG, PA., a distinguished member of the legal profession, will lecture on above subject at

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